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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-5. Cancelled

6. (Currently Amended) A vessel system for treating and/or storing liquids comprising

- (a) a matrix array ~~two-dimensional vessel arrangement~~ of a plurality of vessels, wherein the vessels are open at the top and are interconnected to form a unit and each vessel of said array of vessels ~~vessel arrangement~~ is connected to at least one other vessel of said array ~~vessel arrangement~~ via a flexible connecting member;
- (b) a matrix array ~~two-dimensional closure arrangement~~ of closure elements corresponding to the matrix array of vessels, ~~vessel arrangement~~, wherein the openings of the vessels can be closed with the closure elements and each of the closure elements is connected to at least one other closure element of the array of closures ~~two-dimensional closure arrangement~~ via a flexible connecting member that allows a change in the distance between the closure elements, said closure elements having a cylindrical recess open at the top into which a pin can be pressed to close the openings of the vessels, and
- (c) a closure device that comprises a handle and a pin for introduction into the cylindrical recess in order to press the closure elements into the vessel openings.

7. Cancelled